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SUBJECT: BOMB BLAST AT HYDERABAD POLICE STATION

REF: A. NEW DELHI 7911

[B](#). CHENNAI 02381

[1](#)1. (U) Summary: According to press reports confirmed by local police, a powerful blast ripped through the city Police Commissioners Task Force offices in Hyderabad on the evening of October 12. The blast was believed to be carried out by a suicide bomber, but this has yet to be confirmed. One police officer was killed and another injured. The identity of the suspected bomber is still unknown. End Summary

[1](#)2. (U) On the evening of October 12th, a powerful blast ripped through the Police Commissioner's Task Force offices in the Greenland area of Hyderabad, killing one police officer and injuring another. A second body, that of the suspected suicide bomber is still unidentified at this time. According to witnesses a man carrying a back pack entered the compound at about 1930 hours and stated that he had an appointment with a senior police official. Minutes later there was an explosion.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Post has verified through RSO local police contacts that the incident occurred, however those same contacts will not confirm that it was in fact a suicide bomber. There is still one unidentified body at the scene whom police believe to be the perpetrator. Hyderabad police contacts also confirm that one police officer remains in critical condition. The injured officer is believed to be the last person to see the person carrying the back pack before the explosion.

[1](#)4. (SBU) RSO has dispatched a FSNI to Hyderabad to glean further information and to report back to Post any new developments.

[1](#)5. (SBU) The Task Force Office where the blast occurred is only 100 meters away from the official residence of Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister Y S R Reddy. Reddy's government recently imposed a ban on the CPI (Maoist) and related groups, also known as Naxalites, which is expected to result in an increase in violence in AP (Reftel). This incident could be a manifestation of that increased violence.

[1](#)6. (SBU) RSO was also contacted by an OSAC representative who reported that a bomb threat was called in on October 12 at approximately 1652 hours to the Cyber Gateway Towers which houses several American businesses. A search of the building was conducted with negative results. The OSAC rep reported that similar calls were made to other offices of the same company at other locations in India. The company in question believes that it was a hoax in order for employees to get the day off as it was a local holiday.

COMMENT:

[1](#)7. (SBU) The police station bombing and bomb threat in Hyderabad are receiving extra public and press attention because they come two days after the Mission issued a warden message advising of possible threats against American interest (see ref A). We have seen no indication that the bombing is linked to that threat, however we are pursuing that possibility. As mentioned in para 5, it is just as likely the bombing is part of the rising tide of domestic political violence in Andhra Pradesh. End Comment.

[1](#)8. (U) Post will continue to monitor the situation and will report any development Septel.

[1](#)9. (U) Point of contact is Colin P Bucknor, RSO, at 91-44-8113919 (STE), 91-44-2811-200, ext. 5000 (unclassified) HOPPER